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# CORNELL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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*To the President of the University:*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report of the Librarian of the University Library for the year ended June 30, 1942. The growth of the Library has been appreciable in spite of the war conditions. The closure of the continental European market has resulted in a noticeable decrease in accessions in some subjects but by no means in all fields. Some provision for meeting this situation has been made by the Library Board by establishing a War Reserve Fund, derived from the Library's ordinary book funds. The sum set aside thus far amounts to \$5,000.

In any case, the problem of providing space for the accessions of the future presents itself with growing insistence. The Librarian cannot refrain from pointing out once more the wisdom of preparing for this contingency before the breaking point is reached, and he ventures to repeat his hope that adequate working quarters and facilities may be provided for a loyal staff that had been handicapped by lack of room even before the last addition was made to the stack space. Unless an entirely new library building can be planned for, the logical remedy would be an added wing on the Northwest corner of the present building, somewhat like the extension erected on the Southwest corner in 1936-37.

During the past year the Library Board, which was reorganized in 1938, has made a further study of the complicated library situation which prevails at Cornell. An earlier study was based on a report of facts gathered by Mr. William J. Hyde concerning the methods by which books were acquired and added to the many more or less independent college and department libraries on the campus and their sources of income. A more recent survey, based on another report by Mr. Hyde, considered the methods of administration of these college and department libraries, their rules for circulation, hours of opening, and inventory practice. The wide range of differences in these matters accounts for some of the difficulties that arise with classes of books which are of interest to more than one group of students or faculty members, sometimes widely scattered over the campus in different colleges or departments.

The Librarian can announce with great satisfaction the organization and effective operation of a special body of friends of the Library, whose official title is "The Cornell University Library Associates." More details of their activity are given in the section of this report dealing with gifts.

## STAFF

With regret the Librarian announces the resignation of Mrs. Emily Loveless, who came into the library service in September 1926 and who since July 1927 has been in charge of the stacks in the central building. A faithful, loyal servant of the University, who performed with patience and unusual accuracy one of the most trying tasks in the library's technical administration, she leaves behind not only in the central building, but on all parts of the campus, a host of friends who wish her many years of happiness in her retirement. Mr. Millard J. Edsall has been appointed to the position of Stack Supervisor in her stead. Miss Barbara Veit was appointed an assistant in the Readers Division to succeed Miss Marion Struble, who resigned after her marriage.

## ACCESSIONS

The total amount expended for books, periodicals, and binding, according to Miss Ingersoll, Supervisor of Accessions, was \$36,961 as against \$36,222 in the preceding year. Additions amounted to 14,541 items of which 10,986 were for

the general library, 3,593 for special collections and for college and department libraries. Purchases numbered 5,658 and items received by gift or exchange 5,328.

	<i>Items added</i>	<i>Present extent</i>
General Library		
Transferred or eliminated 14,221 . . . . .	10,986	708,964
Dante Collection . . . . .	9	10,896
Petrarch Collection . . . . .	2	4,577
Icelandic Collection . . . . .	156	21,830
Wason Chinese Collection . . . . .	1,080	42,291
Wordsworth Collection . . . . .	29	
“ “ . . . . . (MSS.)	17	2,823
Cornell University Theses . . . . .	534	15,656
Philological Seminary . . . . .	4	1,174
Sage School of Philosophy . . . . .	—	1,002
French Seminary . . . . .	—	24
German Seminary . . . . .	—	759
Latin Seminary . . . . .	—	326
American History Seminary . . . . .	—	671
Manuscripts . . . . .	8	1,025
Maps . . . . .	18	1,223
Cornell University Maps and Plans . . . . .	—	202
U. S. Coast Survey Charts . . . . .	—	950
U. S. Geographical Survey Atlases . . . . .	—	216
U. S. Geological Survey Topographical Maps . . . . .	36	5,739
British Geological Survey Maps . . . . .	—	600
College of Architecture Library . . . . .	626	4,568
Barnes Hall Library . . . . .	52	4,048
Chemistry Library (Special) . . . . .	5	544
Comstock Memorial Library (Entomology) . . . . .	175	2,387
Economics Laboratory Collection . . . . .	—	340
Forestry Library . . . . .	—	1,181
Flower Veterinary Library . . . . .	366	13,200
Goldwin Smith Hall Library . . . . .	443	4,450
Hart Library (English Literature) . . . . .	—	4,666
Gray Memorial Library (Electrical Engineering) . . . . .	13	895
Kuichling Library (Civil Engineering) . . . . .	10	2,350
Rockefeller Hall Library (Physics) . . . . .	—	1,190
Van Cleef Library . . . . .	—	5,086
Total including MSS and Maps . . . . .	14,569	865,853
New York State College of Agriculture Library . . . . .	5,546	127,783
New York State College of Home Economics Library . . . . .	504	11,064
Law Library . . . . .	20,598	116,267
Total on entire campus . . . . .	41,217	1,120,967

#### CATALOGUE DIVISION

Miss Speed, the Head of the Catalogue Division reports the following figures:

Volumes and pamphlets catalogued . . . . .	17,129
Maps . . . . .	359
Manuscripts . . . . .	11
Microfilms . . . . .	15
Titles added to catalogue . . . . .	9,447
Typewritten cards added . . . . .	17,743
Printed cards . . . . .	20,880

Cards added to Library of Congress Depository Catalogue.....	73,961
Additions to cards.....	9,061
Volumes recatalogued.....	401
Cards corrected or dated.....	7,948

#### CLASSIFICATION AND SHELF DIVISION

The figures reported by Mr. De Grassi for this Division are:

Books classified.....	13,925
Public documents.....	1,598
Maps.....	369
Manuscripts.....	9
Microfilms.....	14
Theses.....	292
Books reclassified.....	1,600
Presses moved.....	424

#### PERIODICALS DIVISION

Miss Leland, the Head of the Periodicals Division reports:

Periodicals currently received	
By subscription.....	1,042
By gift and exchange.....	1,334
Total.....	2,376
Number of volumes on open shelves.....	3,480
Current periodicals on open shelves.....	572
Issued for brief home use.....	522
Volumes of periodicals bound.....	3,609

Among the new periodicals added this year were, Inter-American Bibliographical Review, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Near East Studies, Poetry Quarterly, and the Southern Journal. Seven daily papers from various sections of the country were added for easy reference in the Periodical Room.

#### READERS DIVISION

Mr. Willis, Associate Librarian, in charge of the Reading Room and of Inter-Library loans, reports:

Days open to the public.....	323
Registered borrowers	
Faculty.....	1,054
Students	
College year.....	2,836
Summer Session.....	223
Recorded use	
Reading Room (number of books).....	157,595
Seminary Rooms.....	2,265
Stalls.....	2,922
Laboratories and Departments.....	6,002
Home use (including 11,085 Seven-day books and 522 brief loans of periodicals).....	51,184

#### INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

Lent to other libraries.....	1,276
Borrowed from other libraries.....	516

The number of university, college, government, and industrial libraries that borrowed from Cornell was 208. Among them were:

Agfa Ansco Corporation.....	92	Columbia University.....	23
Texas Oil Company.....	45	Pennsylvania State College.....	23
Princeton University.....	44	Rutgers University.....	22
Syracuse University.....	42	Duke University.....	20
Brown University.....	37	Eastman Kodak Company.....	20
University of Rochester.....	37	Yale University.....	16
Johns Hopkins University.....	33	Harvard University.....	14
Wells College.....	31	University of Michigan.....	12
University of Buffalo.....	27	New York State Library.....	8
U. S. Department of Agriculture..	26	University of Chicago.....	6

Cornell borrowed books from 117 other libraries. Among them were:

Library of Congress.....	108	Hebrew Union College.....	14
Harvard University.....	30	Iowa State University.....	13
University of Rochester.....	29	Brown University.....	10
Yale University.....	29	Dartmouth College.....	8
Columbia University.....	26	New York Academy of Medicine..	7
Princeton University.....	24	Hamilton College.....	6
New York State Library.....	21	Eastman Kodak Company.....	5
University of Chicago.....	15	Union Theological Seminary.....	5

#### GIFTS

This year for the first time the Library has been aided by the recently organized Cornell University Library Associates. This organization of friends of the Cornell University Library, now numbering sixty members, with Professor Morris Bishop as its President, has just begun to make it possible to purchase works, the price of which would ordinarily have placed them beyond our restricted purchasing power. Among these gifts were the facsimiles of the Reichenau Lectionary and of the Tickhill Psalter, I. N. Phelps Stokes' "American Historical Prints" and Wheat's "Maps of the California Gold Region." The total expenditure from this source thus far amounts to \$163.

Our donor's list this year includes 650 names. Of the books added to the general collection 5,328 were gifts or exchanges; 5,658 were purchased. The number of periodicals received by gift and exchange was 1,334; we subscribed for 1,042. Once again we offer our sincere thanks to the editors and publishers of periodicals who have befriended us, and likewise to the learned societies, foundations, corporations, and government agencies, foreign and domestic, that sent us their publications.

As usual numerous faculty members as well as students enriched our collection with individual gifts. We are keenly aware of the value of such donations and can only hope that the example of these donors may find frequent imitation. Professors W. C. Andrae, C. L. Becker, Morris Bishop, R. H. Jordan, Vladimir Karapetoff, B. F. Kingsbury, W. F. Willcox, and A. H. Wright, most of whom are donors of long standing, were generous with gifts of larger numbers of volumes. Professor Bishop's gift included a copy of W. Bolingbroke Johnson's "The Widening Stain," (1942) a modern mystery story the scene of which is laid in the Cornell University Library. From the estate of the late Professor Preserved Smith we received (through Mrs. Cary Robertson) 442 volumes, mostly in the field of renaissance and reformation history. Donations of books in number were also received from Dr. Henry P. de Forest, Professor Cony Sturgis, Mrs. J. E. Trevor, and Mr. John P. Young. Mr. Woodford Patterson presented us with 228 volumes including many in English literature and in the history of mysticism. As in former years Mr. and Mrs. William F. E. Gurley contributed many volumes.

Most generous in his additions to the Wordsworth Collection was the original donor of the collection, Mr. Victor Emanuel. He added this year, among other items, eleven autograph letters of William Wordsworth and six of Samuel Taylor Coleridge valued in all at more than \$500, also the original plate, engraved copper, of a portrait of Wordsworth drawn by Robert B. Haydon and engraved by Thomas Landseer.



Through Miss Mary Hull we received 91 volumes in economics, the history of the West Indies, New York State local history, and Ithaca imprints; and, in addition a group of 28 works by Sir William Petty, plus 44 related books, forming a distinguished collection gathered by the late Professor Charles C. Hull, the bibliographer and editor of Petty's works.

From Miss Dorothy Cornell came eighteen books and numerous manuscript papers of Ezra Cornell, including an early diary. Mrs. Alan Austen presented 200 miscellaneous items, including six incunabula from the library of the late Willard Austen, Librarian Emeritus of the Cornell University Library. Miss Abby L. Sargent donated 125 autograph letters from Andrew D. White to Edward P. Evans and from Willard Fiske and Henry P. Tappan to Edward P. Evans. From Miss Frances C. White (through Miss E. R. Speed) we received two autograph letters of Henry James, two autograph letters of William James and the first edition (serial) of Henry James' "The Ambassadors" extracted from the North American Review.

Professor George M. Dutcher of Wesleyan University sent us seventy-five photographs of Cornell students of the Classes of 1895 to 1902. Colonel E. S. Evans of Detroit (through Professor Loren C. Petry) donated the "Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the National Gliders Association, Feb.-Nov. 1929." From Mr. Carter R. Kingsley came among other items, A. Delano's "Life on the plains and among the diggings", (Auburn, 1854), and Robert A. Campbell's "The Rebellion Register: a citizen's manual," (Kalamazoo, 1866); and from Mr. Charles L. Kingsley a bound volume of daily newspapers containing references to "The Albany-New York flight of Glenn H. Curtis" (May, 1910). Mr. James McCall donated the manuscript "Records of the Auxiliary Bible Society of the County of Steuben (N. Y.), Bath, N. Y., 1817-1845." From Mr. Henry E. Mattin came the six volumes of F. O. Morris's "History of British Birds" (London, 1851-57), and Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector General of Chinese Customs, gave us G. R. G. Worcester's "Notes on the crooked-bow and crooked-stern junks of Szechwan" (Shanghai, 1941). Mrs. Louise F. Peirce, a constant benefactor, presented thirty volumes of John Heneage Jesse's "Historical Memoirs." Substantial cash donations were received from the Current Events Club, from Mr. I. E. Drabkin, and our faithful friends Messrs. N. M. Crouse and E. M. Johnson. An addition has been made to the list of special endowment funds. Dr. Albert H. Mann, sometime Dean of the State College of Agriculture and later Provost of the University, has presented to the University the house in which he lived while in Ithaca. The income is to be used for the purchase of books in the field of biology. The fund is to be known as the Albert H. and Mary J. Mann Endowment.

OTTO KINKELDEY,  
Librarian.

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